AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A method performed by a computer system for bidding on auctions, the method comprising:

receiving an indication of a plurality of auctions;

receiving an indication of a bidding technique to apply to the indicated auctions; and

participating in some of the indicated auctions in accordance with the indicated bidding technique.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the bidding technique includes placing a bid at the auction with the lowest current bid whenever being outbid.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the bidding technique includes placing a bid at more than one of the plurality of auctions so that multiple bids are pending simultaneously.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the number of bids to place corresponds to the number of auctions that is desired to be won.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the bidding technique includes bidding at an auction only after winning another auction.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the bidding technique includes bidding at an auction until reaching a maximum bid and then bidding at multiple auctions so that multiple bids are pending simultaneously.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the bidding technique includes bidding at an auction only after winning another auction.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the bidding technique includes a combination of placing a bid at the auction with the lowest current bid whenever being outbid, bidding at a first auction until reaching a maximum bid and then bidding on a second auction, and bidding at a second auction only after winning a first auction.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the bidding technique includes not bidding on an auction when the current bid of that auction exceeds a maximum bid.

10. (Original) A method in a computer system for inputting multiple auction bidding requirements, the method comprising:

receiving an indication of a plurality of auctions; and

receiving an indication of a bidding technique to apply to the indicated auctions.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10 including receiving an indication of a maximum bid for an auction.

12. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the bidding technique includes winning at most a certain number of the auctions at the lowest price.

13. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the bidding technique includes bidding at an auction only after winning another auction.

14. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the bidding technique includes, in response to winning an auction bidding, at multiple auctions so that multiple bids are pending simultaneously.

15. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the bidding technique includes bidding at an auction only after losing another auction.

16. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the bidding technique includes, in response to losing an auction, bidding at multiple auctions so that multiple bids are pending simultaneously.

17. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the bidding technique includes not bidding at an auction after winning another auction.

18. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the bidding technique includes not bidding at an auction after losing another auction.

19. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the bidding technique includes basing a decision to bid at an auction on whether a criterion is satisfied.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19 wherein the criterion is based on results of another auction.

21. (Original) The method of claim 19 wherein the criterion is based on status of another auction.

22. (Original) A computer system for bidding on auctions, the system comprising:

a bidding plan storage device;

a define bid component that receives a bidding plan that specifies to bid at multiple auctions and that stores the received bidding plan in the bidding plan storage device; and

a bidding engine that retrieves the bidding plan from the storage device and places bids at auctions in accordance with the bidding plan.

23. (Original) The computer system of claim 22 wherein the bidding plan indicates to place a bid at the auction with the lowest current bid whenever being outbid.

24. (Original) The computer system of claim 22 wherein the bidding plan indicates to win at no more than a certain number of auctions.

25. (Original) The computer system of claim 22 wherein the bidding plan indicates to bid at an auction until reaching a maximum bid amount and then bidding at another auction.

26. (Original) The computer system of claim 22 wherein the bidding plan indicates to bid at an auction until reaching a maximum bid amount and then bidding at multiple auctions.

27. (Original) The computer system of claim 22 wherein the bidding plan indicates to, upon winning a certain number of auctions; bid at that certain number of other auctions.

28. (Original) The computer system of claim 22 wherein the bidding plan indicates to bid at an auction only if a condition relating to another auction is satisfied.

29. (Original) The computer system of claim 28 wherein the condition is winning the auction.

30. (Original) The computer system of claim 28 wherein the condition is losing the auction.

31. (Original) The computer system of claim 28 wherein the condition is when the bidding at the auction exceeds a maximum price.

32. (Original) The computer system of claim 22 wherein the multiple auctions are conducted by different entities.

33. (Original) A computer system for bidding on auctions, the system comprising:

means for receiving a bidding plan that specifies to bid at multiple auctions; and

means for placing bid on auctions in accordance with the bidding plan.

34. (Original) The computer system of claim 33 wherein the bidding plan indicates to place a bid at the auction with the lowest current bid whenever being outbid.

35. (Original) The computer system of claim 33 wherein the bidding plan indicates to bid at an auction only if a condition relating to another auction is satisfied.

36. (Original) The computer system of claim 35 wherein the condition is winning the auction.

37. (Original) The computer system of claim 35 wherein the condition is losing the auction.

38. (Original) The computer system of claim 35 wherein the condition is when the bidding at the auction exceeds a maximum price.

39. (Original) The computer system of claim 33 wherein the multiple auctions are conducted by different entities.

40. (Original) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling a computer system to bid at auctions, by a method comprising:

receiving an indication of a plurality of auctions;

receiving an indication of a bidding technique to apply to the indicated auctions; and

participating in some of the indicated auctions in accordance with the indicated bidding technique.

41. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 40 wherein the bidding technique indicates to place a bid at the auction with the lowest current bid whenever being outbid.

42. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 40 wherein the bidding technique indicates to bid at an auction only if a condition relating to another auction is satisfied.

43. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 42 wherein the condition is winning the auction.

44. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 42 wherein the condition is losing the auction.

45. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 42 wherein the condition is when the bidding at the auction exceeds a maximum price.

46. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 40 wherein the plurality auctions are conducted by different entities.

47. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 40 wherein the plurality of auction are hosted by at least two different servers.